

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-14, 16-19, 23-25, 28-30, and 32-35 are pending. Claim 23 is amended herein to correct an informality (it showed dependence from a cancelled claim). Claims 4, 8, 9, 15, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, and 31 were previously cancelled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the instant response. No new matter has been added herein as a result of the amendment.

Applicants earnestly solicit entry of this amendment as it will place the Claims in better condition for allowance and Appeal and as it corrects a previously unnoticed informality with Claim 23.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above-listed remarks and amendments and the arguments asserted in the contemporaneously filed Appeal Brief, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of the Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-14, 16-19, 23-25, 28-30, and 32-35.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,
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